



County Councillor Rosita Page Annual Report 2021-22

From Cllr Rosita Page – Summer 2023

Bitteswell, Bittesby , Claybrooke Magna, Claybrooke Parva, Lutterworth and Ullesthorpe

Over the last 12 months we have seen a Platinum Jubilee, the very sad passing of our Majesty the Queen and the Coronation of King Charles.

I have supported the community at Jubilee and Coronation events, secured grants towards celebrations, commemorations, and memorials.

Throughout the year I have attended my parish councils, had meetings with outside bodies and visited a lot of residents to discuss their concerns.



Sadly, this year several of my residents and Parish Councillors have passed away and I attended their funerals wherever possible.

Meetings and briefings both at Harborough District and at the County Council have filled my time including reading endless on-line paperwork which I find more difficult and time consuming. Each week is fully taken up with administration, telephone calls, receiving and replying to hundreds of resident and Council emails. I don't hold a Councillor surgery as I prefer to always visit residents in person to discuss their matters of concern. This year I have had a high number of serious ward issues generating a lot of frustration from residents which resulted in an increase of home visits, working with other stakeholders and battling a lot of anger.

As a Scrutiny Commissioner I have attended many meetings, briefings and enjoyed discussions on a variety of interesting worthwhile topics. I am also the Chairman of the Leicestershire County Council Pension Board.



I also sit on the County Council Environment Committee; this is a fairly new Committee, but it has been welcomed by all Councillors and is very up-to date. It is rewarding to present the LCC's cleaner and greener agenda, the discussions range from planting 700,00 trees to solar installation to ensure the council's carbon agenda is met.

All elected members of the council received a £25,000 personal members Highways Budget for two years running to spend on projects of their choice within their Division.

A promotional graphic for Cross Counties Radio. The background is dark with a blurred image of a radio studio. The text 'ENGAGE IN DISCUSSION' is in large, white, outlined letters. To the right, it asks 'Do you have a Harborough District question for Councillor Rosita Page, to be answered live on air?'. Below this, a white box contains 'Rosita Page' in large black font and 'County Councillor' in smaller black font. To the right of the text is a circular inset photo of Rosita Page wearing a headset and speaking into a microphone. At the bottom, it says 'cross counties RADIO', '0116 326 3000', 'studio@crosscountiesradio.co.uk', and '92 FM 95.4 FM'.

I supported a lot of a Well-Being projects, one of these being Park and Stride and Walking for Leisure and I was also instrumental in securing of £70,000 for my division one of those being Jubilee Walk.

I have also secured funding to rejuvenate village halls and install new kitchens, bus shelter improvements and securing £180,000 outside funding to add towards Section106 funding to allow the Lutterworth Town Estate to peruse a dream of building a new community building in the centre of Lutterworth. Space is rented to the independent Lutterworth Museum which has also received help and advice from the County Council.

The library service is still at the heart of our community and very much appreciated.

I have supported and steered small businesses to outside help to enable them to flourish and receive grant funding



In Lutterworth I have been instrumental in supporting events from the sombre laying a wreath on Remembrance Day to being the jolly elf in the Santa Grotto at the Christmas Light Switch on.

I have been instrumental in getting extra money for the Memorial Gardens and to ensure the future implementation of an agreed Master Plan will improve the town centre, this is based on purchasing the town centre car park of the County Council which is now in progress.

I objected to unreasonable planning and supported economic well-being initiatives that will see our market town and villages grow and prosper.

I chose to invest my first £25,000 in a electric bus with wheel chair access for the Lutterworth Community Transport. A very popular first for them and a first for me that soon was copied by other County Councillors which pleased me no end. We have started a very environmentally friendly initiative fully benefitting the community and environment in a very sustainable way. The Community bus and service has been so very popular that I invested my second £25,000 towards another electric community bus which should be on the road in the very near future. Lutterworth Community Transport is just waiting for their match funding to be granted.



I have submitted hundreds of residents concerns to be addressed by County Council Officials, including ensuring potholes get reported, fixed and maintenance carried out wherever possible.



I have supported our College in person at events, met with the head and chair of Governors to ensure their voices were heard and it was generally noted it was appreciated that the County Council has supported additional packages of school meals.

Ongoing speeding complaints have prompted me to secure a 20mph speed limit on Macauley Road and due to serious problems created by unreasonable lorry drivers' behaviour I have succeeded in getting a lay-by closed and the 7.5t weight limit signage reviewed. We worked with the NHS to incorporate residents needs and desires into future provisions for the Feilding Palmer Hospital.

Leicestershire welcomed Ukrainian guests; the Harborough District appeared to have housed the highest number. I worked with all partners to welcome guests with a smooth settlement.

After 25 years' service, I am yet again humbled and honoured to be returned as your District Councillor for another term.

With the advent of the new 4 year term there are many optional and mandatory training courses which overlap to gain or in my case refresh knowledge which is advantageous to both Council roles.

I am now looking forward to seeing all the initiatives and projects recently started to be successfully completed and to be able to ensure all my ward issues are addressed to the satisfaction of my residents, wherever possible and for us all to have peaceful, uneventful rest of this year.



Onwards and upwards.

I am not sure what the next year will bring. I am sure there will be many new challenges but a lot of the work going forward will be a continuation of the aforementioned.

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